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Press Release

Haas promoted to Director of Medical Services

Frankfort, KY – Kentucky Department of Corrections Commissioner John D. Rees today announced the promotion of Dr. Scott A. Haas, who was named acting director of the Division of Mental Health on Monday, and effective July 1, will be director of Medical Services.

Haas is a board certified forensic and general psychiatrist who graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1992. From 1993 until 1997, he provided contractual psychiatric services to the Kentucky Department of Corrections. In July of 1997, he was hired as the Chief of Psychiatric Services and the first full-time psychiatrist in the history of the Department.

Since that time Haas has developed, supervised and provided services for the Outpatient Psychiatric Services Program, which currently operates in eight of the state's prisons. He was instrumental in developing and opening the Correctional Psychiatric Treatment Unit at the Kentucky State Reformatory and served as Medical Director of that unit during its initial operation. He has served as a consultant and speaker for the U.S. Department of Justice on issues related to the treatment and aftercare of mentally ill offenders and also conducts a small private forensic psychiatric practice in Louisville.

"I believe Scott Haas will offer the leadership and direction to move our Medical Services Division in a more effective and comprehensive manner," said Rees. "He's innovative and willing to try new approaches and think outside the box."

Haas has two children and is a member of St. Edward Catholic Church.